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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. AMBASSADOR SCALI HAS JUST INFORMED US THAT SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING ON CUBAN COMPLAINT WILL TAKE PLACE AT 1600 HOURS ON SEPT 17. INDICATIONS ARE THAT CUBANS WILL HAVE STRONG SOVIET AND YUGOSLAV SUPPORT. NEW CHILEAN GOVERNMENT CAN BE EXPECTED TO COME UNDER HEAVY FIRE.

2. ACTING CHILEAN REP HOLGER CLEARLY DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT BACKGROUND ON EVENTS OF RECENT DAYS IN CHILE OR ON JUNTA POLICIES AND ACTIONS TO SERVE AS FORCEFUL AND AUTHORITATIVE SPOKESMAN. WE BELIEVE JUNTA WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO ASSURE BEST POSSIBLE REPRESENTATION ON THIS CRITICAL OCCASION.

3. IN VIEW THESE CONSIDERATIONS, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR YOU TO PASS PRIVATE, FRIENDLY SUGGESTION
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THAT JUNTA MAY WISH TO NAME AND DISPATCH IMMEDIATELY TO

NEW YORK MOST COMPETENT AVAILABLE SPOKESMAN. (FYI IN OUR
VIEW THIS REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD IF POSSIBLE BE A CIVILIAN.
END FYI). GOC MAY WISH TO CONSIDER SENDING MESSAGE
DIRECTLY TO SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT REQUESTING POSTPONE-
MENT OF SC MEETING AND POINT OUT A) THAT CUBAN DIPLOMATS
AND FAMILIES HAVE RETURNED SAFELY TO CUBA B) THAT EVENTS
CERTAINLY NOT OF SUCH SIGNIFICANCE AS TO ENDANGER

INTERNATIONAL PEACE C) THAT GOC DESIRES HAVE APPROPRIATE
REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT CHILE'S SIDE AND SOME DELAY WILL
BE REQUIRED TO PERMIT ITS REPRESENTATIVE TO REACH NEW
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